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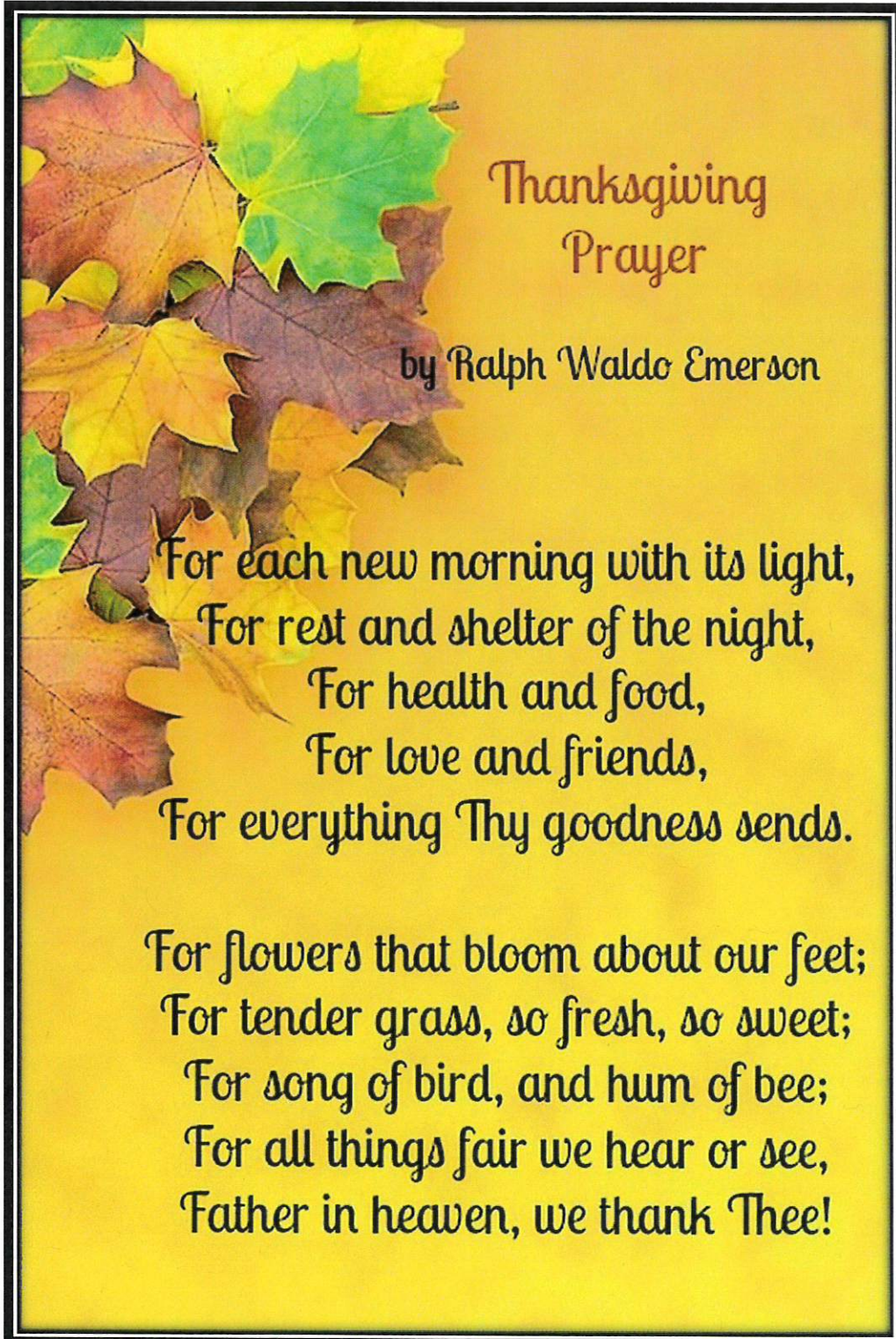
"Letting God's love shine through us to the Community we Serve"

Rev. Laurie Hill
Darlene Begolka

Pastor
Office Manager

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

My Mother is a beautiful singer. One of my favorite childhood memories is when she would sing, "Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens. . .". I started singing that to myself, too, especially, "When the bees sting, when the dogs bite, when I'm feeling bad, I simply remember my favorite things and then I don't feel so bad." I knew that song before I had ever seen, "The Sound of Music". We all learn to cope when things aren't going our way. We who are Christian, learn I hope, to rise above whatever is bringing us difficult times. Throughout our lives, we learn to rise to new heights! I'm hoping that phrase sounds familiar now!

Our Stewardship theme is "**Help us Reach New Heights!**" We need to remember all our favorite things: the way the organ sounds the first thing Sunday mornings; the smiles we see on our friends; the look we imagine on all the children who get a warm coat, gloves, mittens and scarves from us. Our favorite things may be dining together whether it's communion, a funeral dinner or a St. John diners/gamers event. Our favorite things may be knowing that no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at St. John UCC. Our favorite things may be the Christmas decorations and carols we sing, or the singers, ringers and chimers. We all have so many favorite things. We all know that supporting the church means we not only can but have a responsibility to create favorite things for each other! We rise to new heights not just for ourselves, but so that others may choose a favorite thing just like we did in our generation.

When we joined the church, we all took an oath to participate, to worship, to belong to St. John United Church of Christ. We take very few oaths in our lives, but an oath before God is something that is a binding promise. It's when we say that say no matter what, as long as we are a member of this

church, we will rise to the new heights and inspire others to climb with us as the family of God, led by our Savior, Jesus Christ, and given the fruits we need by the Holy Spirit! Maybe that means we try something new out of our comfort zone or we are learning new skills we didn't know we had. To rise to new heights, we need to do it together! We need each other's support and love and especially grace, for we will take occasional steps backward. No one can grow without failure. Let's learn and move on together in our quest to remember our "Favorite Things" are the new heights to once we reach for, so now let's rise again!

Peace,
Pastor Laurie



**ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
UNAPPROVED CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

Present: Kent Paulus, Leland Semple,
Bill Gosda, Jr., Jan Hahn,
Sandy Meinershagen, Tricia Pineda,
Carolyn Pech, Jack Leich,
Darlene Begolka (Office Manager),
Absent: Dan Row, Pastor Laurie Hill

President Kent Paulus called the meeting to order on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 7:06 p.m. President Kent Paulus started the meeting with a nice prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved and seconded to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to accept the August 15, 2022 Church Council meeting minutes. All voting aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jan Hahn gave an update on the events of Small Group Ministry, Special Events and Veterans Ministry.

Leland Semple made a report about the Stewardship Drive. The theme will be "Help us reach new heights!" The next Stewardship meeting will be October 3, 2022 with everything to be completed by the end of October. Stewardship Sunday is November 13, 2022.

PASTOR'S REPORT

George Harrison Abbott received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on August 28, 2022.

Elizabeth Miller received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on September 11, 2022. She was also received as a new member.

Lucille Iona Lake Miller received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on September 11, 2022.

The Adult Vacation Bible School was a real success.

OLD BUSINESS

ONA Task Force – A discussion was held regarding Open and Affirmation.

Boy Scout Updates – The Boy Scout leaders (Jason and Darrin) came in at this time with some questions. Boy Scout trailers across the United States have been a target of vandalism. It's getting closer our to location. They were wondering if something could be done for a little more protection of the trailer. Several ideas were shared. Hope to have an option by the October Church Council meeting. Another area of concern was the Boy Scout Eagle project. The scout is looking at a project for the Sunken Garden. Jason also announced that the Boy Scouts are doing Germanfest on October 29, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church. This is open to the public.

Reception for Norma – It was moved and seconded to have reception for Norma Kramer on Sunday, October 30, 2022 after church in Fellowship Hall. Money will come from Interest. Church Council members will be in charge of this event. All voting aye. Motion carried. There will also be a Love Offering for Norma.

NEW BUSINESS

Policy for Use of Church Worship Items – After discussion, the consensus was that items are sacred and should remain in the church and not be lent out. This may be handed over to the Constitution and By-Laws review team.

Christmas Day Service – We will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24, 2022 at 11:00 p.m. This service will take us into Christmas Day. An email vote was taken by the Church Council members to not have a church service on Christmas Day morning.

Clergy Appreciation Month – October is Clergy Appreciation Month; the actual Sunday is October 9th. It was decided the Church Council would have flowers on the altar and give Pastor Laurie a \$100 gift card.

Personnel Policy Change –It was moved and seconded about changing the language about our Personnel Policy. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Sunday Offering –Starting on Sunday, October 2, 2022 we will be passing the offering plate for the regular offering like we used to before COVID -19. At this time the plates for the Special Offerings will remain on the back table.

ADJOURNMENT and BENEDICTION

The meeting ended with everyone reciting The Lord's Prayer. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voting aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Bill Gosda, Jr.
Church Council Secretary



ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST UNAPPROVED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022

Present: Kent Paulus, Leland Semple,
Bill Gosda, Jr., Jan Hahn Dan Row,
Jack Leich, Sandy Meinershagen,
Carolyn Pech, Tricia Pineda,
Pastor Laurie Hill,
Darlene Begolka (Office Manager)

Absent: None

President Kent Paulus called the meeting to order on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7:04 p.m. Opening prayer was given by Pastor Laurie.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved and seconded to accept the consent agenda. All voting aye. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to accept the September 19, 2022 Church Council meeting minutes. All voting aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jan Hahn gave an update on the events of Small Group Ministry, Special Events and Veterans Celebration.

Jack Leich reported for Outreach and Publicity. The Hanging of the Greens will start on Monday, November 21st with the help of Boy Scout 102 putting up the Christmas trees.

PASTOR'S REPORT

There will be a Halloween Fest at the Lincoln Park District (Rec Center) on Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will be participating. Council members volunteered to help.

Advent and Christmas worship planning are underway.

The Ordination and Installation Service for Lesa Branham, Pastor at First Congregational UCC in Springfield will be on Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Since Pastor is President of Rotary, much time is devoted to serving the community through this organization.

OLD BUSINESS

Constitution and By-Laws: the committee had a meeting to discuss how the language can be changed. The Church Council will make a decision about changes next council meeting.

Building Use Policy: A building use policy was handed out for the council to look over and then talk about it at the November meeting. This policy should be reviewed every 3 years.

Reception for Norma: The Church Council is hosting a reception for Norma Kramer on Sunday, October 30, 2022 immediately following the morning worship service.

Nursery Care: Discussion was held. It was moved and seconded to have Child Care Program for Sunday mornings during the service. All voting aye. Motion carried.

Boy Scouts: Discussed putting a light up for security purposes for the Boy Scout Trailer. Our church is helping with their Germanfest fundraiser by providing desserts.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Proposed Budget: The council went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing salaries. Pastor and Darlene were excused. After the executive session; it was moved and seconded to accept the 2023 Proposed Budget. All voting aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE and EMAILS

A Thank you card was received from Pastor Laurie for the gift card and flowers she received from the Church Council for Pastor Appreciation Month.

ADJOURNMENT and BENEDICTION

The meeting ended with the everyone reciting The Lord's Prayer. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All voting aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Gosda, Jr.
Church Council Secretary



LET'S REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

ST. CLARA'S REHAB and SENIOR CARE

1450 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Leola Dowling
Evelyn Fulkerson
Bill Krepps
Susan Webb
John Wilmert

CASTLE MANOR

1550 Castle Manor Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Jerry and Mary Berglin

COPPER CREEK

203 Stahlhut Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656

Steve Aue

CEDARHURST OF SPRINGFIELD

3520 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62711

Helen Opperman

CARRIAGE CROSSING SENIOR LIVING

1402 Leslie Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704

Sandy Morgan

VONDERLIETH LIVING CENTER

1120 N. Topper Drive, Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548

Jerry Gehlbach

ASHTON PLACE

4151 Ashton Road, Sarasota, FL 34233

Patty McCann

AT HOME

Dave Armbrust

922 Decatur Street, Lincoln, IL 62656



Saturday, November 5th
8:30 a.m.
Imo's Café

All Men of the Church are Welcome.

ST. JOHN DINERS
Saturday, November 19th
Dovetail in Emden



Bus will leave the church at 11:00 a.m.
Reservations are for 11:30 a.m.

The Small Group Ministry has planned the November St. John Diners outing to Dovetail in Emden, Illinois. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the sanctuary. **If you are planning to go you must sign up by Sunday, November 13th.** Those who let us know after that time will be put on a waiting list.



Yes, it will soon be time to decorate the church for the Christmas season.

We will be pre-decorating on Monday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. with help from our Boy Scout Troop.

We will then finish the decorating on Sunday, November 27th following the morning worship service.

This will be an excellent opportunity for the congregation to get to know the boys in the Boy Scout Troop that meets here.

Sound like fun? Come when you are available to help. Remember many hands make light work. Mark your calendars and join the fun.

PROTOCOL

SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE "HYBRID": (a combination of online and in-person).

MASKING: Masks are now a personal choice. We urge you to wear one if you feel even slightly sick. But it now completely up to you to wear a mask or not.

COMMUNION: Communion sets will remain in the back for you to pick up as you come in. If you wish to bring your own, of course, that's fine. Darlene has "smidget" Tupperware containers if you wish to use one for your own juice/wine.

FOOD: Food offered at events can be homemade, but we ask groups in the church to also offer a commercially prepared option for those who would prefer their food made in that way.



ST. JOHN GAMERS
Sunday, November 13th
2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Variety of games



CELEBRATE LIFE BIRTHDAY GROUP NOTES...

The Celebrate Life Birthday Group of 15 enjoyed a beautiful Autumn Day at a Hot Dog picnic in Kickapoo Park! Marilyn Armbrust and granddaughter Hayden Mooneyhan, Karen Birnbaum, Mary Fuller, Nancy and Jerry Gehlbach, Janet Johnson, Norma Kramer, Alice Paulus, Carolyn Pech, Tonita Reifsteck, Lynn Spellman, Danny Thompson, Kaye Wilmert, Marlene Wilmert and Sandy Wilmert. Sandy provided the hot dogs and S'mores fixings, Lynn the buns, Toni the 'fixin's', chips and relishes and Karen homemade applesauce! Following lunch all enjoyed S'mores thanks to the team of Hayden toasting marshmallows, Norma spreading chocolate (that had been in the sun!) and Sandy putting it all together! Birthday, Get Well and "Thinking of You" cards were signed to be mailed. Toni shared a reflective reading dedicated to Norma and all she has been and shared with us. It was a lovely day to end our 'park picnics' with. The November gathering will be at 11:30 on November 11th at the Mexican restaurant El Mazatlan on Madigan Drive.

Anyone is welcome but if attending, are asked to tell Sandy Wilmert or Tonita Reifsteck so count in reservations can be included. A short Charity Guild meeting will be held at the end of our time together. Any questions call Sandy or Toni.



Articles for the **December 2022** newsletter should be in the Church Office by **November 19th**.



PRIZES NEEDED

St. John United Church of Christ is no longer doing their monthly Bingo at St. Clara's Rehab and Senior Care. But we can still help them when their activity department does Bingo. Here's how we can help. They are in need of Bingo prizes. Some ideas are SMALL stuffed animals, door or window décor, adult coloring books and colored pencils, word search books (large print might be helpful), some gently used white elephant type gifts and little knick-knacks (non-breakable) to mention a few. No jewelry, please. These items can be placed under "The Giving Tree." Thank you!!!

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE...

Please join us for
a 100th Birthday Celebration Open House
for Evelyn Fulkerson
on Friday, November 25, 2022
from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at
St. Clara's Rehab and Senior Care
1450 Castle Manor Drive in Lincoln.

There will also be card shower taking place. Her address is:

Evelyn Fulkerson
1450 Castle Manor Drive
172 Walnut
Lincoln, IL 62656

Thank you,
The Dan Row family

ATTENDANCE

October 2nd

25 In-Person, 34 on Facebook, 15 bulletins mailed
and website = 74+

October 9th

36 In-Person, 36 on Facebook, 15 bulletins mailed
and website = 87+

October 16th

36 In-Person, 79 on Facebook, 15 bulletins mailed
and website = 130+

October 23rd

45 In-Person, 46 on Facebook, 15 bulletins mailed
and website = 106+



SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,529.85
Income	\$29,944.57
Expenses	\$27,670.56
Ending Balance	\$11,803.86

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 6th:
November 13th:
November 20th:
November 27th:



VOLUNTEER NEEDED – know of a recently retired friend looking for a chance to serve the community? This would involve 10:30 a.m. to noon. Any questions or if interested please see Tonita Reifsteck or call 217-855-1645.



Celebrate Life Birthday Group
Friday, November 11th
11:30 a.m.
El Mazatlan Mexican
Restaurant on Madigan Drive

November birthdays will be celebrated.

Let Tonita Reifsteck or Sandy Wilmert know if you are coming.





The following is a Thank you note from Rev. Dr. Charlotte Nold, Pastor and the congregation of St. John Church in Chicago:

Dear members of St. John United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your wonderful donations of \$360 and \$70. We truly appreciate your continued support for our church and mission work. What an incredible blessing you are to us. Thank you.

Our food pantry is growing every week and it is a blessing to us to be able to feed the families in desperate need of food so that their children do not need to go to bed hungry. We also have many people who live alone who need and receive food. One of our clients is from Ukraine and is sending several boxes of food to her family overseas or whoever need food there.

Thank you again for the wonderful blessing of much needed financial support that you are giving to our church.



Dear Members of Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for your support of my education! The scholarship helped my pay for books and other supplies! I appreciate everything you do for us students.

Thank you,
Emily Paulus

Dear St. John UCC –

Thank you so very much for the generous check! I really appreciate it and I am so grateful to be a part of our wonderful church. I really miss church and the members of the congregation. I will be attending church when I am home for break over fall break, I am very excited to see you all! I am very lucky to have a church family that cares so much about me, and I am so happy to have my church family here to support me through college!

Much love and appreciation,
Bailee Pineda



St. John UCC Outreach Ministry,

Thank you so much for the card and for thinking of me while I am at school. I appreciate all the support and kind words!

Sincerely,
Emily Paulus



“Help us Reach New Heights!”
Stewardship Sunday is
November 13

MISSION COMMITTEE

By: Verdeen Ingram, Co-Chair

SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAYS...The Mission Committee has designated the following Sundays:

- **Second Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken following church for the **Children of Lincoln project.**
- **Fourth Sunday of each month** a special offering will be taken following church for the **Diaper Project for Head Start at Community Action.**



After the recent cold snap, the secretary at Central School called with a request for gloves for their kids. She also asked for clothing items including pants (for those who have 'accidents') and shirts (for the clean-up crew who sometimes spill food on themselves). So we went shopping and then delivered a big box to the school.

This delivery was possible because of your gifts to the Children of Lincoln. Thank you for supporting these kids as they grow and learn.



The Christmas season seems to have begun - at least according to the commercials and the displays at the stores. So let's go out and buy some toys!

Toys, games, books and puzzles are all items that you can donate to Toys for Tots. During November, there will be a box in the entryway for you to drop your donations. There will also be a can in the back of the sanctuary for your monetary donations.

Thank you for helping to make sure all of the kids in Logan County have a good Christmas this year by supporting Toys for Tots.



Harvest is coming along nicely despite a few break downs. Some areas had great yields while others were not so good.

That is true in our lives as well. Some of us have great bounty while others struggle to put food on the table.

This Thanksgiving, we St. Johners who have plenty will share with those who have had break downs. We will gather groceries for the food pantry at Community Action.

The Mission Committee will pass out grocery bags on November 6th. Please fill your bag and return it to the Giving Tree on or before November 20th. That day we hope to have a truly bountiful harvest for those in need.

HATS, GLOVES AND SCARVES



We recently shopped for gloves for the kids at Central School. Kids all throughout the county will be getting cold though. So we want to make gloves, hats and scarves available to them all. Please shop for these items and bring them to the Giving Tree by November 13. (This is not an ad, but Dollar Tree has some nice gloves and hats right now.)

We will bless these winter warmers on November 13 and deliver them to Community Action for distribution.

Thank you for helping our local children!

ALUMINUM CANS

On September 27, Larry delivered seventy pounds of aluminum cans to Lincoln Iron and Metal. That meant that \$24 was given to the Humane Society. Nice job all of you St. Johners who put your empty cans under the Giving Tree. Thank you all!

GREETERS

HUMANE SOCIETY OF LOGAN COUNTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HSLC is in need of volunteers to care for our dogs and cats while they wait for their forever homes. We have daily care shifts at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers work in pairs to provide cleaning, care, and socialization for our animals. Volunteers under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

HSLC and our animals would greatly appreciate your commitment.

Volunteer applications are available on our website hslclincoln.org. Questions: shelter@hslclincoln.org

Humane Society of Logan County
1801 E. Lincoln Parkway
Lincoln, IL 62656
217-737- 4042

Marlene Wilmert, Co-Chair of Mission adds...

In October, 18 Halloween stuffed animals were taken to Lincoln Memorial Hospital for ER children patients. Christmas is right around the corner so we will be taking more holiday stuffed animals for give away in November.

Thank you, St. John "givers", for making this possible!

The Mission Committee reports that for the month of September 1 box and 6 bags of groceries were delivered to Community Action.

Thank you for caring and thank you for sharing!

A decorative card with a border of autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and green. The word "GREETERS" is written in large, bold, black letters in the center. Below it, a list of dates and names is provided in a two-column format.

November 6th:	Carolyn Pech
November 13th:	Jack and Nancy Leich
November 20th:	Tonita Reifsteck
November 27th:	Verdeen Ingram



OUTREACH and PUBLICITY

Co-Chairs: Jim and Leslie Wilmert
and Tonita Reifsteck – 160th Anniversary

Outreach and Publicity met on Thursday, October 7th with Jack and Nancy Leich, Sandy Wilmert, Lee Westerfield, Tonita Reifsteck and Pastor Laurie in attendance. Business decisions made were more postage needed for cards as cost is going up again.

Sign-up sheets to be offered to congregation on several requests: Name tags, New order of St. John Shirts (see photo: 2 styles/1 will be chosen) Christmas caroling to shut-ins, Participate in Angel Tree gifts (both dates to be determined). Participate in Christmas Parade December 1st. Need for a Boom Box to be networked via Chimes/bulletin.

Red Cross dates for 2022 and early 2023 announced. Next date November 15, 2022

Meals on Wheels (Monday need has been filled) one on 5th Friday still open.

Annual report draft ideas to be brought to November 3rd meeting.

SIGN UP OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A PART OF:
(Sign Up list in Narthex of church)

- ST. JOHN SHIRT – note choice of size and preferred style (only one style will be ordered) With collar and logo or Serenity Prayer on back of T-shirt



- CAROLING to Shut-In in December 2022
- Participate in the ANGEL TREE at St. Clara's Rehab and Senior Care (early December)
- CHRISTMAS PARADE – indicate ride bus or WALK and give out pencils. (Have a Boom Box to loan/give – call Jack Leich 217-737-2079)

I am posting an article from an October 2, 1884 Lincoln Courier on the small bulletin board in Fellowship Hall that was recently sent to me. A worker at Logan County Genealogical Society found this 1884 article and knew from me being a frequent visitor (prior to the fire) and liked the 'history' of Lincoln, the churches and schools I might like it! Enjoy your heritage! Tonita R.



NOVEMBER CHARITY GUILD MEETING

Charity Guild will meet in combination with

Celebrate Life on November 11th. (See separate article about Celebrate Life in this month's *Chimes*.)



Meeting agenda will include election of officers for

2023. Discussion will be held on possible Christmas monetary gifts for charity.

We are also seeking a volunteer to check on needed kitchen supplies throughout the year. Selma Wilham did this for many years and Lynn Spellman has volunteered since then. This person should have some knowledge of the church kitchen area. This involves using the church credit card to make needed purchases. Notes of items needed for coffee hour, and general-purpose items can be posted on piece of paper under magnet on refrigerator or written on white board there.

Ideas from the group are welcomed as we look toward the needs and wishes for 2023 at St. John Church.

All ladies of St. John are welcomed to attend.

Karen Birnbaum, President



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Brenda Kurtz
- 3 Dan Row
- 6 Lisa Conrady
Cale Costello
Karen Pecoraro
- 7 Pastor Steve Hill
- 8 Sandy Sanders
- 9 Twila Muhlach
- 10 Matthew Goetsch
Becky Semple
Scott Semple
John Wilmert
- 11 Randy Paulus
- 13 Rich Joseph
Wayne Semple
- 15 **David Armbrust**
- 18 Tami Pagel
- 22 John Larson
- 25 **Evelyn Fulkerson**
Larry Ingram

Names in **red** are members of our church who are on the visitation list. Let's fill their mailboxes on their birthdays.

SAVE THE DATES...



Thursday, December 1st
Downtown Lincoln Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3rd
Men's Fellowship

Sunday, December 4th
Christmas Brunch following church

Friday, December 9th
Celebrate Life Birthday Group

Saturday, December 10th
A Cup of Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 11th
St. John Gamers

Sunday, December 18th
St. John Diners

Saturday December 24th
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th
Merry Christmas – No Worship Service



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Pastors Laurie and Steve Hill
- 5 Dave and Marge Hansen
- 12 Kevin and Angie Kurtz
- 23 John and Amy Tabor



November Calendar



Wednesday, November 2nd

St. John Chimers practice at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 3rd

Outreach and Publicity at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 5th

Men's Fellowship at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 6th

In-Person/Live-stream Worship with

Communion at 10:00 a.m.

Totenfest Sunday

St. John Ringers practice

St. John Singers practice

Monday, November 7th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Veterans Ministry at 4:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 8th

Creative Delights at 3:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts at 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, November 9th

St. John Chimers practice at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 11th

Celebrate Life Birthday Group at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 13th

In-Person/Live-stream Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Stewardship Sunday

St. John Ringers practice

St. John Singers practice

St. John Gamers at 2:00 p.m.

Veterans Celebration at 4:30 p.m.

Monday, November 14th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15th

Blood Drive from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16th

St. John Chimers practice at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 19th

St. John Diners at 11:30 a.m.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Sunday, November 20th

In-Person/Live-stream Worship at 10:00 a.m.

It's Birthday Sunday – Time to celebrate the

November birthdays

St. John Ringers practice

St. John Singers practice

Monday, November 21st

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens at 7:00 p.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 22nd

Creative Delights at 3:00 p.m.

Church Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 23rd

NO St. John Chimers practice

Thursday, November 24th

Happy Thanksgiving

Church Office closed for holiday

Friday, November 25th

Church Office closed for holiday

Sunday, November 27th

In-Person/Live-stream Worship at 10:00 a.m.

St. John Ringers practice

St. John Singers practice

Monday, November 28th

Jubilant Feet at 8:00 a.m.

Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30th

St. John Chimers practice at 7:00 p.m.



Linda Barrow
Wayne Bowns
Ron Brandy
Helen Dalpoas
Alta Gehrke
Cindy Hansen
Larry and Marcia Howen
Emily Jewsbury
Dwayne Keiffer
Sherri Mester
Drake Miller
Lynn Price
Mercedize Reyes
Alissa Smith
Kathy Staten
Jan Steele
Kent Tangman
Jim Walsh
Vicki Smith Williams
Leslie Wilmert
Fred Wiseman
Barb Braley
Sherry Reed
Kyle Lucas
Ann Holloway
Jen Steele
Harold Boyer
Carla Jurgenson
Lin Ziemer
Jackie Curry
Martha Pagel
Nathan Lucas
Stacey Marten
Donna Kessinger

Ron (Donna's boss)
Lindsay (Donna's co-worker)
Donnie Kirk
Angela Rogers
Ruth Olson
Allen
Dustin
Wayne Moldenhauer family
Sandy Sanders
Kristin
Marie Johnson
Bob Sanders
Patricia Southerd
Judah Navarro

Illinois Conference/Wester Association

FACILITIES AND HOMEBOUND

Dave Armbrust, Steve Aue,
Jerry and Mary Berglin,
Leola Dowling, Evelyn Fulkerson,
Jerry Gehlbach, Bill Krepps, Patty McCann,
Sandy Morgan, Helen Opperman, Susan Webb,
John Wilmert

Staff of St. John United Church of Christ

Members and Friends of St. John UCC

Rev. Laurie Hill
Darlene Begolka
Carolyn Pech
Dana Denny
Steve Spaulding
Laura Lee
Darlene Begolka
Calob Pluhm

Ministers

Pastor
Office Manager
Financial Manager
Custodian
Maintenance Person
Organist
St. John Chimers Director
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